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Over half a million ringgit for jamboree

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Tues. - The Secretariat Organising Committee of the 18th Asia-Pacific Jamboree today received more than half a million ringgit in sponsorship from different organisations.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad accepted RM515,300 from the organisations including Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Berhad, Zaiton Industries, ABI Construction and EON Bank. The Ministry of Youth and Sports also contributed RM300,000.

Wan Mokhtar said about 15,000 scouts from 30 countries had confirmed their participation in the jamboree which would be held at Seri Keluang Camp, Besut, from Aug 1 to 8.

"Thailand tops the list with more than 1,000 participants, followed by Korea (340), the Philippines (200), Singapore (120), Maldives (100), Japan (100), Indonesia (64), Brunei (50), Mongolia (six) and Papua New Guinea (two).

"Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Taiwan will confirm the numbers soon.

"Countries outside the Asia-Pacific which will attend the jamboree are Finland with eight participants, Germany (five), Ghana (50) and Chile (21)," he said, adding that the United Kingdom, Belgium, Holland, the United States and Canada would also send their participants.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the event on Aug 2.

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